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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETECTING MODIFIED OR CORRUPTED EXTERNAL DEVICES**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**
Disclosed are systems and methods for detecting modified or corrupted external devices connected to a computer system. An exemplary method includes storing in a database, data that relates to devices previously connected to the computer system and rules that specify conditions that indicate when the device should be further analyzed as being possibly corrupted. The method further includes receiving from the device data that relates to the device or to a connection between the device and the computer system; performing an analysis of the received data by comparing the received data and the stored data relating to devices previously connected to the computer system; and applying results of the analysis of the received data to the rules to determine whether the at least one condition is satisfied that indicates that the device is possibly modified or corrupted and should be further analyzed for presence of malware.

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